

ROCHESTER WINGS

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GREATER ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

New York's Largest Aviation Expo

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Something for Everyone at Rochester WINGS 2009

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Volunteers and industry leaders are beginning the last phases of preparation for New York's Largest Aviation Expo, which will be held at Greater Rochester International Airport in Rochester, New York, June 5-6.

This aviation safety oriented event brings together people from around the region to share their love of aviation. At the core of the event are aviation safety seminars covering a host of topics and including an Aviation Maintenance Technician ("IA refresher") course. Additional topics offered through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) FAASTeam include runway safety, airspace, maneuvering flight and many more topics. Last year, thousands attended the event and over 50 vendors showcased the latest in aviation products and technology.

"This year, in addition to hundreds of EAA Young Eagles rides for kids, Discovery flights, and simulator experiences for youth, we will be focusing our efforts on bringing new people of all ages into the General Aviation family", said Todd Cameron, Co-Director of the event. "The passionate volunteers who make this event happen every year are excited about taking it to a new level and connecting people of all walks of life with General Aviation."

Present at this year's event will be displays of corporate aircraft, training aircraft, Light Sport Aircraft, military aircraft. Located in the brand new, state of the art New York Army National Guard facility, the event will have many opportunities for all ages to interact with aviation technology by using working avionics panels, Air Traffic Control simulators, flight simulators and other engaging displays.

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Friday night will include an adult social gathering for all aspects of General Aviation to enjoy an evening of food, drink, music and hangar flying. Saturday morning will host a pancake breakfast run by the local Civil Air Patrol. Aircraft will be available throughout Saturday to give Discovery Flights to qualified candidates who believe that they want to pursue becoming a student pilot. In addition to the safety seminars, there will also be a series of aviation career seminars covering career opportunities with military aviation, flight instruction, corporation/commercial aviation, Air Traffic Control and aviation management.

Pilots will have the opportunity to work towards achieving a level of the FAA WINGS Program through flight instruction and attendance at seminars. FAA representatives will be on hand to familiarize pilots with use of the FAA WINGS Program web site.

Anyone interested in attending should visit www.RochesterWINGS.com for details. Fly-in or drive-in and enjoy a weekend at the airport! The general public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Rochester WINGS 2009 organized by a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that focuses on aviation mentoring and delivery of aviation scholarships. Founded in 2001 and based in Rochester, NY, the event has grown every year to welcome thousands of pilots, mechanics, aircrew, students, industry representatives and aviation enthusiasts.